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Enclosed please find the following documents regarding the above-referenced matter:


1. Request for Continued Examination (1 pp.) in duplicate;
2. Petition for Extension of Time (2 pp.); and
3. Return postcard.

On February 4, 2005, Applicant filed a Response to the October 6, 2004 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Since Applicant had not received a subsequent Office Action (e.g., Advisory Action or Notice of Allowance) by April 4, 2005 the undersigned contacted the Examiner to inquire as to the status of the case. In a voicemail left on April 5, 2005, the Examiner indicated that she was going to allow the case but had to run an interference check before mailing a Notice of Allowance. As of April 6, 2005 (the six-month statutory deadline), the undersigned has not been able to obtain confirmation from the Examiner that a Notice of Allowance has in fact been mailed.

It is therefore Applicant's understanding that a Notice of Allowance is forthcoming and in fact may be mailed today, April 6, 2005, such that a Request for Continued Examination (and associated Petition for Extension of Time) would not be required. This RCE and Petition for

Extension of Time are therefore being submitted solely to keep this case alive in the circumstance that the Examiner is unable to mail a Notice of Allowance today, April 6, 2005. In this circumstance we hereby authorize all necessary fees (including fees for the RCE and Petition for Extension of Time) to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,
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